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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Vincent PETIARD *et al.*

Confirmation No.: 1875

Application No.: 09/849,139

Group Art Unit: 1645

Filing Date: May 4, 2001

Examiner: Not Assigned

For: METHOD OF DETERMINING THE GENETIC
MATERIAL OF COCOA IN FERMENTED OR
ROASTED BEANS AND CHOCOLATE

Attorney Docket No.: 88265-4022

**RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF INCOMPLETE REPLY
AND SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

In response to the Notice of Incomplete Reply dated November 24, 2003 and further to the Response to Notice to File Missing Parts of nonprovisional application dated June 22, 2001, please enter the following remarks, documents and amendments to the file of the present application prior to examination thereof.

Submitted herewith are the following:

- (1) A set of marked-up drawings showing amendments thereto;
- (2) A copy of the Notice of Incomplete Reply;
- (3) An Abstract in compliance with 37 CFR 1.72(b);
- (4) A Statement as required by 37 CFR 1.821(e), 1.821(f), 1.821(g), 1.825(b) and 1.825(d) that the content of the sequence listing information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing and includes no new matter; and
- (5) A copy of the sequence listing in computer readable form.

In addition, Applicants submit the following supplemental preliminary amendments and remarks for entry into the above-identified application, including amendments to the specification and drawings. As indicated in the Remarks, claim 6 has been cancelled without prejudice.

No fee is believed to be due for this submission. Should any fee be required, however, please charge such fee to Winston & Strawn LLP Deposit Account No. 50-1814.